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Sir:

Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. These documents were cited in an International Search Report for the corresponding PCT application, dated August 9, 2002. A copy of each of these documents is provided.

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further understood that the Examiner will review art of record in all 35 U.S.C. § 120 priority documents.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449, and to indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$180 for the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement and any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 501447. A duplicate copy of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.

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